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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student Miko Stagg, left, used an antique tea cart purchased in Gelert as the base of her artwork, which showcases mosaic tiles on the top. The piece, which is untitled, was on display at the Rails End Gallery for the opening reception of Directions, on April 6. Angelica Blenich Staff

Wu may stay in Iroquois Falls

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden's Dr. Bennet Wu may be moving his practice

In late March, Wu, Minden's only family physician, sent a letter to his patients informing them he would be leaving for a six-week stint between April 2 and 15 to practise in Iroquois Falls, a small community north of Timmins.

The letter read that working there for a month and half would help the doctor with some financial challenges, including paying tuition fees for his children.

However, a notice appeared in an Iroquois Falls newspaper, welcoming Wu to the community's family health team and residents there are under the impression he's signed on for a minimum of two years.

"That's the impression we got over here," Mayor Gilles Forget told the *Times*. "No one knows. I think we're both in the same boat."

When the *Times* contacted Wu, he said he may stay in Iroquois Falls.

"At this point in time, I will not entirely rule out staying up here," Wu said. "It all depends on how things go. I haven't made a final decision."

Wu, who told the *Times* he would be seeing patients in Minden on May 16, referred to the leave as a six-week trial.

A voice message from Wu's wife Donna made it sound like the move was permanent.

"We are now living in Iroquois Falls" she said, adding Wu would "wean down" his practice in Minden.

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Minden may lose its sole physician

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Donna said it was a difficult decision to leave Minden and that she hoped residents would understand.

The doctor said he may consider practising four days a week in Iroquois Falls and two in Minden.

The communities are several hundred kilometres from each other.

A notice that appeared in the *Iroquois Falls Enterprise* read that Anson General Hospital CEO Bruce Peterkin "would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Bennet Wu who has just signed on with the Iroquois Falls Family Health Team."

When the *Times* contacted Peterkin, he would not comment on how long he understood Wu to be staying in the community.

"We can't get involved in what's going on in Minden and who's saying what to whom in Minden," Peterkin said. "I'm declining to say on behalf of Dr. Wu what Dr. Wu is doing."

In terms of the notice with his name on it, Peterkin said, "it is what it is."

Peterkin is at the heart of a health-care controversy in Iroquois Falls.

Iroquois Falls Concerned Citizens for Health Care was formed after a number of physicians and a nurse practitioner left the hospital and on March 14, the *Timmins Press* reported that Peterkin, MICs Group of Health Services, Anson General Hospital and chief nursing executive Karen Hill had slapped the group with a \$500,000 lawsuit.

Ben Lefebvre heads up the coalition.

Wu is his new doctor and he told the paper Peterkin has led the community to believe Wu was there in a permanent capacity.

"We have been told that Dr. Wu is coming up here in a permanent capacity to replace, as it were, my family doctor," Lefebvre said. "And so my understanding is that Dr. Wu is going to be my doctor. There's been no question about that in my mind until I saw the six-week trial."

The Haliburton Family Health Team has Wu's Minden practice covered until mid-May.

AH still looking for airport committee members

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands is having difficulty finding new members for its airport committee.

While the township put out the call for new members last month, there's been no response.

"We certainly have not had people pounding down the doors so far," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen at an April 4 council meeting.

The committee organizes events at the airport and according to its terms of reference, may also make recommendations to council regarding the maintenance and operation of the airport, as well as capital projects being planned for the airport property and marketing.

The application period runs until April 10 and after that, Danielsen said the township may have to ramp up its efforts.

The committee consists of Danielsen, Councillor Marlene Kyle, Norm Mills, Jamie Bilodeau, Don Shorteed and Paul Robinson.

While Robinson recently resigned as committee chairman due to a busy schedule, he remains on the committee.

He nominated long-time member Mills to be his successor, but a new chair will ultimately be appointed by council and in the meantime, Danielsen and Kyle are co-chairing the committee.

The township continues to look for a new airport manager after the former manager was let go late last year.



Chad Ingram Staff

Carnarvon has been without an LCBO agency store since the board terminated the licence for the store at the Hub in February. A new request for proposals is to be released this week.

LCBO to release RFP this week

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The Liquor Control Board of Ontario will be issuing a new request for proposals for an agency store in Carnarvon this week.

The LCBO board terminated the agency store that had existed at the Hub at the intersection of highways 35 and 118 in late February.

Media relations co-ordinator Heather MacGregor said there was a process around licensing the organization has to go through, explaining this has taken a bit of time. "We're trying to be as quick and thorough as possible."

Consideration is given to business location and type, parking, store layout and design and the financial status and retail experience of applicants.

More information on the agency store program can be found at www.doingbusinesswithlcb.com/sdre/AgencyStores/GeneralProgramInformation.shtml.

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New exhibit brings outside in

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Two new exhibits at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery bring the outdoors inside.

A Sense of Place by Liz Menard and *Latitude 43.4519 Longitude -80.5005* by Robert Achtemichuk opened April 2 with an opening reception Saturday.

In *A Sense of Place*, Menard uses hand-crafted autumn leaves and etchings focused largely on the area around the Don River to give the feeling of a crisp, fall day.

Etchings of trees on floating, translucent fabric hung before a similar wall-mounted etching give the illusion of three-dimensional forest in the gallery's main exhibition room.

"As a printmaker, I use etching, aquatint, drypoint, chine colle, and hand colouring to explore my subjects," Menard wrote in an email from the gallery. "Every etching and drypoint is hand wiped and hand printed. Often I hand colour my images using water-colour, pastel, or wax medium. Typically, I print on traditional Western papers, hand-made Japanese papers, and textiles."

Achtemichuk's exhibit consists of numerous meditations on the moon, manifested mostly in small painting in gouache, some on silk and some on paper.

The moons in his works take on a realistic, glowing quality that almost makes one believe it would continue with the lights out.

"Observation, then memory, guides the development of the images," the artist wrote in an email from the gallery. "Elements are made more important/dominant by using composition, colour and simplification."

Achtemichuk will host a workshop on painting the moon at 7 p.m. on May 11 and on April 27, Shelley Beach will conduct a printmaking workshop from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

For more information, call 705-286-3763.



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A Sense of Place by Liz Menard is on now at Minden's Agnes Jamieson Gallery.

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Minden gets sassy with new store

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden is about to get sassy.
Sassy Digs, a new home decor shop, will open its doors later this month.

The store will be located in the former Vasey Insurance along Bobcaygeon Road near Water Street.

"It's home decor, body, bath, furniture, lighting," says proprietor Rodney Titus, standing inside the large space.

Two months' of renovations have removed walls and created a long, high-ceilinged showroom.

The business is a project of Titus and Shawn Smandych of downtown's popular Ommmh Beauty Boutique.

"There's going to be linens, sheets, duvets, the whole kit and caboodle," says Cathy Gallati, the store's manager, adding that she is aiming to carry at least 80 per cent Canadian-made merchandise for "contemporary cottage living."

"The sofas are made just in Toronto," Titus says.

Everything on the floor will be for sale and custom orders will be available for shoppers who wish to choose their own fabrics.

There will also be bridal and special event registry and as time goes by, other "special services" will be added to the business.

"Slowly, it will be incorporated," Titus says.

A soft opening is scheduled for mid-April.

The shop will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and seven days a week once July hits.



Chad Ingram Staff

Rodney Titus and Cathy Gallati stand inside the renovated Bobcaygeon Road store that will soon house furniture and home decor. Sassy Digs is scheduled to open later this month.

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Terry Fox committee looks for members

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden's Terry Fox Run committee is looking for new members.

Organizer Diane Peacock told the Times she'd like to expand the committee as some of its 14 members are getting on in years.

"They want to bring the young blood in, get them trained, so to speak," said Peacock, adding though that new members of any age are welcome. "I'd love to see the younger kids come in."

High school students can use volunteering with the committee towards the 40 hours of volunteer service they must accrue.

Last year one student earned 12 hours by working with the committee, which meets five times between May and October.

"We have to have somebody head up our registration team, we have someone look after setting up the route," said Peacock, adding there are many other duties such as coordinating special events and distributing posters. "I'm looking for anybody who wants to help further our Terry Fox Run."

This year will mark the 20th anniversary of the local run. Anyone interested can contact Peacock at 705-286-4914 or email mindenterryfoxrun@interhop.net.

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Ultimate Survivors come to Frost Centre

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Algonquin Highlands will be giving Toronto Police Services a discount on camping and canoe fees for an event it's hosting at the Frost Centre.

Constables Michelle Tasse and Michael Seaban visited councillors at their April 4 meeting to talk about Project Ultimate Survivors, an outdoor education program the officers started for at-risk youth.

From May 28 to June 2, 32 teenagers and 32 police officers will travel to the centre to camp, swim, canoe and take part in outdoor survival games.

"For these Toronto kids, they've never been outside of Toronto," Tasse said. "It's about letting them see us behind the uniform."

Last year's pilot program was a success and funded by the Rotary Club, as well as Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program and Proaction Cops and Kids.

However, this year a grant is not available from the latter group and Tasse and Seaban were looking to the township for a break on camping and canoe rental fees.

Ideally, the officers were hoping to have the fees waived.

"It sounds like a fabulous program," said Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen, who chaired last week's meeting in the absence of Reeve Carol Moffatt.

However, Danielsen said, under its policy the township would have to consider any waived fees a donation.

Parks, recreation and trails director Mark Coleman suggested the township offer the 50 per cent camping discount it gives to disabled groups and apply the base canoe rental to all rented boats, regardless of type.

This would save the group a few thousand dollars.

Coleman said at the base rate, canoe rent-



Chad Ingram Staff

Toronto Police Services Constables Michael Seaban and Michelle Tasse were in Algonquin Highlands council chambers on April 4 asking for a waiver on camping and rental fees at the Frost Centre for a program they run.

als would still total about \$3,000.

Tasse stressed that the event is promoted and covered by a number of major media outlets and that "your name will get out there as well."

Councillor Gord Henderson wanted to see

the township do more.

"Can't we sharpen our pencil and be more enthusiastic in supporting this?" Henderson asked.

Chief administrative officer Angie Bird encouraged councillors to be careful, noting

there are other groups who come to council with similar requests.

"There are many groups out there that are just as worthy," Bird said.

In the end, council supported the discounts put forward by Coleman.

Get 'In Jay's Corner' at Firehouse

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There will be a fundraiser for an Algonquin Highlands businessman battling cancer next Saturday, April 20.

Jay Manning, owner of the Firehouse restaurant, has glioblastoma multiforme – a brain tumour – and has been taking oral cancer treatments at home while travelling back and forth to Princess Margaret Hospital for checkups.

"Part of his medication that's been given to


him from Princess Margaret is not totally covered by OHIP," said Sandra Sauvé, explaining the proceeds from the fundraiser will be used to help with Manning's medical expenses.

Taking place at the Firehouse, there will be a silent auction starting at 4 p.m. and a spaghetti dinner at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets are available at Coldwell Banker in Dorset and while Sauvé said tickets for the dinner were going fast, everyone is welcome to stop by the restaurant to take part in the auction.

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our editorial

Check up

THERE ARE CERTAIN professionals we almost place on a pedestal of sorts.

They are placed there out of trust. I'm talking, of course, about lawyers.

Cough.

No, I'm talking about doctors.

We allow them to put substances into our bodies and metal instruments into our mouths.

We trust them with our health, with our very lives.

There's been some interesting news out of Haliburton County's medical community in the past few weeks.

No, you read that correctly.

In Minden, the community's only physician has left for what was relayed to his patients as a six-week leave to practise in another town.

Increasingly, it seems like this leave might be more permanent than that. The physician himself has admitted things are up in the air for now.

And that's fine.

People, medical professionals included, can of course go where they please.

Sometimes lives just need to change.

However, patients in Minden deserve to know what's going on with their health care.

If there's a chance they're going

to have to look for new doctors, they should know that so they can begin that process if they choose.

The situation also highlights the need for effective doctor recruitment for Minden Hills, which, in my mind, means creating a recruitment drive separate from the one at the county level.

That's not meant to disparage that effort or be divisive. It just doesn't seem current recruitment strategies are working for Minden and sometimes, when it comes to issues as critical as health care, you need to look out for No. 1.

Yes, dear readers, if we were stranded on an island and starving, I would try to eat you.

On the dental front, two clinics in Minden and Haliburton Village have closed their doors and the company has filed for bankruptcy.

And that's fine.

Sometimes businesses go under and people's personal finances are private matters.

What's not fine is that patients' records at these clinics, my own among them, were left lying around as if they were no more important than a drill or dental chair.

Luckily, the college of dentistry came around to pick them up.

We expect more than this from our medical professionals.



Chad Ingram
Reporter

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letters to the editor

Break on banners

To the Editor:

After six colourful years, the Minden Hills Festival of Banners committee has decided to take a break this summer.

This break is only for the 2013 summer as the committee regroups and re-energizes for 2014.

Our thanks to the adult and student painters, the many volunteers and the municipality all who helped make the program a success.

We look forward to re-engaging everyone when we remount another Festival of Banners.

Deborah Lyons, Cammy George, Ila Kellett, Jack and Pat Brezina
Minden Hills Festival of Banners Committee

PS: A reminder that banner note cards will continue to be available at the Organic Times in Minden.

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Help our docs

To the Editor,

Minden has been blessed with having one of the best family doctors in the province.

Now because of the greed of Minden Hills council, we will lose Dr. Wu for at least six weeks, if not for good.

Haliburton and Kinmount seem to be able to attract doctors without too much trouble, so what are they offering that Minden won't?

If other towns are offering incentives for doctors to come there then surely Minden Hills should be intelligent enough to realize that doctors won't pay to set up shop there.

You state that Dr. Wu encouraged patients to vote for Jim McMahon, but that is his right and has nothing to do with this.

I have doctored with Dr. Wu for 15 years and if I had wanted to see a doctor from Haliburton, I would have went there on my own. I don't need the Minden Hills council to force this on me.

The council would waste money redoing the streets in Minden and would like to waste more on a swimming pool, yet some-

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points of view

Signs you are in the wrong career

THIS MORNING I read an interesting column detailing the tell-tale signs that indicate you are on the wrong career path. According to author Abby Ho, the signs are resentment and constant frustration, health, anxiety and stress issues and the feeling that you have no chance for career development.

That's probably true. But I believe she's also missing some of the more obvious clues.

For instance, if your job entails you walk or run towards something or someone when everyone else is sprinting the other way or taking cover, it's probably time to think about a new career.

If your career involves a dangerous animal, fire, hoops or a combination thereof, maybe you ought to be thinking of something less exciting too.

If your career has you searching

for things that require you to routinely put on rubber gloves, you might also be in the wrong line of work. The same holds true, if your toolbox is stocked with shoulder length rubber gloves and splash goggles.

If your work clothing is a hazardous materials suit, then perhaps you might want to check the want ads.

If any more than one out of five people you work with are missing digits, it's also time to reconsider what you do for a living.

If lighting a match on the job site could have serious consequences, again, you might want find a different job or at least sit with different people at lunch.

If your job includes following any animal with a shovel, you might reconsider your future employment. Actually, if your job includes a shovel at all...

If you are obliged to wear a costume that includes a tail, fake beard, funny hat, sandwich board or copious amounts of makeup or glitter, you've probably got cause to look for a new line of work.

You get the point. There are thousands upon thousands of signals that you

are in the wrong career – not the least of which is having to write a column like this.

The worst part is that there are also aptitude tests that actually direct you to the wrong career. Once, when I

was in a completely different respectable and lucrative line of work, before I had ever sent in a written piece, I took a very complex aptitude test. And much to my surprise, it came to the conclusion that I should be a columnist.

I'm still considering a lawsuit for lost wages and emotional distress.

Still, every time I'm having a rough day, waiting for a cheque that was supposedly sent out last week, or staring at a blank screen because I'm having a bout of writer's block, I stop, take a deep breath and tell myself it could be worse.

I could be carrying a shovel and following an elephant right now or, worse still, sitting with a highly combustible crowd at lunch.

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Steve Galea
Beyond 35

Last resorts

LIKE SOLDIERS MARCHING off into the twilight, the old lodges and resorts of Haliburton County fade away, disappearing one by one.

People change, lives change, economics change. Now there are only three lodges on Lake Kashagawigamog where once Dennis Casey counted 17.

The future of one of those three, Wigamog, is uncertain. Halimar and Bonnie View are the other survivors. Locarno and Deer Lodge and the rest are only memories.

It isn't only the lodges on Kashagawigamog that are going, going, gone. Once there were three of them on the little lake nearest me, Big Bob, all gone long.

Only a couple of months ago, the Archer family demolished Matabanick Inn, built in 1922 by family patriarch Thomas Archer on Boshkung Lake.

So it goes all over the county, but the decline of the lodges may be most obvious on Kashagawigamog, where Casey's family operated Birch Point Lodge for three-quarters of a century.

The lodge era in Haliburton and, before that, Muskoka, was rooted in failure. "In Muskoka, people tried to farm and found that stones don't taste very good," says Casey, who is deeply interested in the history of the lodge era.

It must have begun almost by chance. In late 19th century Muskoka, some farmer let a city slicker camp on his lakeshore pasture. Campers became summer boarders, the farmhouse started adding bedrooms, and before you knew it, a hard-scrabble farm had become a resort.

The seeds for Kashagawigamog's lodge era were sowed in 1903, when Casey's great-grandfather, Robert Gould, and his wife Anne began taking in summer guests at his farmhouse.

It was on that farm that Wigamog began to take its present form in 1933, in the hands of the Robertson family. Lodges and resorts were bursting out all over Haliburton in those years between the wars.

If you came to Wigamog in those early days, you might get off the train at Goulds Crossing on the Gould farm, on what now is County Road One. Train was a better way to get to Haliburton than the primitive roads.

In 1922, Robert Gould's son Bruce bought a lakefront woodlot and built Birch Point Lodge. In 1976, it passed to his daughter, Jean Casey, then to her son Dennis. A half-dozen years ago,

Birch Point was demolished and the property divided into four building lots.

The Kashagawigamog basin was a resort hot spot. Lodges, often ramshackle at first, grew easily on lakeshores already cleared for farming. Mostly, they were Mom and Pop operations.

In those early days, families might spend all summer at a lodge, father coming up for weekends. Later two-week stays became standard, then five-day getaways. Keeping a full house got ever more complicated.

Lodges usually ran on the American plan, with all three meals included. There was boating and fishing, canoeing and hiking, croquet and tennis, guests' days as organized as they let them be.

Families came back together for the same two weeks, year after year. Regulars grew into an extended family, each lodge its own little neighbourhood.

Lodges taught city folks to love Haliburton, but then they jilted the old resorts for a cottage of their own. Lodges were for holidays, cottages for every weekend once better roads shortened the long trek north.



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

Cottages offered independence and privacy, became family headquarters. Lodges fell out of fashion and began to disappear, one by one.

Developers sped the process when they found out how much money they could make flattening old resorts and selling deeded time shares in new cottages, offering paradise for five weeks a year without the hassle of upkeep or the feeling your whole summer was spoken for.

Developers call it fractional ownership. Discard the old lodge, but keep its commercial zoning. Build a dozen cottages in its place and the deeded shares might add up to \$7 million or more.

Cottage ownership, whether fractional or traditional, makes sense to a generation taught to think of its financial future. Real estate is an investment. Money spent at a resort is gone forever, just like Deer Lodge.

Dennis Casey will share his memories of the lodge era when the Haliburton County Historical Society meets on April 18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Minden Cultural Centre. Thanks to the Haliburton Highlands Museum, which shared Jean Casey's History of Lodges on Lake Kashagawigamog.

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letters

Taxpayers should help doctor

To the Editor,

With this letter it is not our intention to ruffle feathers, but to question and find answers to why it is that we, in Minden, are in a situation where we might lose our only family doctor.

We have read several times the first news in the *Minden Times* where Dr. Wu was leaving for a six-week period to practice in Iroquois Falls and subsequently the second report indicating that Iroquois Falls is expecting him to stay.

Our understanding from this first article is Dr. Wu was requesting a gift from taxpayers that would include council financially assisting him for a couple of months and the request was turned down.

For those of us who have him as a doctor, we are very concerned. It is helpful that there will be other doctors available for two-and-a-half days a week and we are fortunate to have exceptional emergency staff in Minden, but these doctors are not our family doctors, whom we have been seeing for years.

We are trying to understand why Haliburton has seven doctors, Kinmount has three and we in Minden have only one over-worked family doctor.

Why is that?

The superb thing about Dr. Wu is he takes extra time with his patients.

How many doctors will make time to make house calls when patients are gravely ill or can't get to his office? Sometimes he has not even been asked but will quietly visit a patient.

Dr. Wu is not only a doctor, but a very humble person. We in Minden have been so very fortunate and hopefully will not lose him.

Dr. Wu's request might be used saying it would show a precedent and you know what? Doctors are so scarce that we should do everything possible to assist them in their reasonable requests whether they be in Haliburton, Kinmount, Minden or wherever.

We should help them, encourage them as they encourage us.

Doctors are not God but they take an oath to help us in times of need – why can't we, as taxpayers, assist them if there is a need?

Should Dr. Wu decide to move to Iroquois Falls as the second article led us to understand we would like to say personally: Do what you have to do, Dr. Wu, whatever is best for you and your family.

Should you decide to leave Minden it would be Iroquois Falls's gain and certainly Minden's loss. If this were your choice; you surely would be missed.

If our present council decides to have a discussion on this matter, hopefully it would be an open discussion for the public and advertised in *The Times* prior to the meeting as we, the undersigned, think we are not the only ones deeply concerned.

Joan (Sedgwick) Bertin and Joe Bertin
Minden

Remember next election

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thing that would benefit a lot of people in the area is turned down.

I think the next election, it is time the people of Minden Hills need to remember just what our reeve and her Dream Team have done for the people of this township.

Gordon Graham
Irondale

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High Triple With Hdcp - Ladies	700 Nancy Hughes
	735 Cathy Snell (B/o)
High Triple With Hdcp - Men	844 Rick West
High Average Ladies	212 Cathy Snell
High Average Men	197 Rick West

Haliburton County news

Dentist leaves town, and patient files, behind

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

The Haliburton and Minden Family Dentistry offices have shut their doors, leaving behind patient records and costly equipment.

Owner of the Haliburton Family Dentistry, Dr. Rene Boljkovac, has filed for bankruptcy according to the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy Canada.

Records show Boljkovac filed on Feb. 19 of this year, with total liabilities equaling more than \$1 million.

The dentist opened Haliburton Family Dentistry in August 2011, with an official grand opening on Sept. 24, 2011.

Minden Family Dentistry was opened in 2008 after Boljkovac purchased the Minden Dental Clinic from Dr. John Purc.

The Haliburton location closed on Feb. 5, said building owner Mike Easton.

"There is significant outstanding amounts of money, even locally there is," said Easton.

He said much of the equipment left behind by Boljkovac has since been picked up by creditors.

Patient records left at the office were retrieved by the College of Dentistry, said Easton. "They retrieved all of the records, because they have to."

Easton said Boljkovac also had a practice in Lindsay, which is no longer operating. Calls from the paper to the Lindsay office were not answered.

Boljkovac owns and operates Bobcaygeon Family Dentistry, which has not closed.

When asked why the Haliburton and Minden practices were shut down, Mary-

anne Boljkovac told the paper her husband decided he no longer wanted to pursue dentistry in the Haliburton County area.

"We are working out of our Bobcaygeon location," she said, adding her husband did not wish to comment.

Boljkovac moved out of the Minden Family Dentistry office during the month of January, said landlord Sally Teasdel.

Located on Highway 35, the practice moved from its original location on Bobcaygeon Road.

Teasdel said Boljkovac rented the space for two years but only had it occupied for one.

The dentist did not give the landlords proper notice he was leaving, she said. The space has not been rented out since Boljkovac's departure.

"I think it would be an ideal place for the Minden Family Medical Centre, get us

some doctors in here. I think it would be perfect for that," said Teasdel. "This town is desperate for those services."

There are no bankruptcy records on file for the Minden Family Dentistry.

Patrick Bloomfield of Rusinek and Associates has been appointed the trustee for the file.

Bloomfield said Boljkovac has filed bankruptcy for four practices, including his Bobcaygeon and Lindsay locations, as well as Minden.

"It's all a bit of a mishmash but there were four practices that are involved," said Bloomfield.

The trustee said it is Boljkovac himself who has claimed bankruptcy, however, he can still practice.

"There is no regulatory agency which prohibits him from working," said Bloomfield.

Organization announces two new industry tools for recreational geology

The Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) is pleased to announce the release of two key resources for unlocking the true potential of recreational geology tourism in Ontario's Highlands. After a two-year product development initiative cultivating the niche tourism experience into a lucrative asset for the region, the availability of two new documents – informational resources for recreational geology and recreational access toolkit – will supply industry operators with the tools for developing their own recreational geology experience, and provide helpful product knowledge to assist with educating visitors.

"One of our challenges," says Recreational Geology Project coordinator, Michael Bainbridge, "is to overcome the lack of awareness and knowledge surrounding recreational geology, and encourage industry and consumers to realize geology can hold the same interest and beauty as other nature-based outdoor experiences." Bainbridge further explains that "for those in the tourism industry, or consumers looking for a new experience when visiting the region, there is an enormous wealth of information

out there but they don't know where to start looking and much of what has been written has been very technical. We're working to take the interest in geology out of the classroom and into the field."

In addition to the two new industry resources, the OHTO will also update their website and develop promotional materials to begin marketing the completed development work to date. Nicole Whiting, OHTO manager, believes "providing these resources and encouraging tourism businesses to use them is an important strategy for the OHTO, since it is tools like these that will help to empower our stakeholders as we look towards a more industry-led model for continued growth and development."

Informational resources distills hundreds of individual sources down into one document – from contact information of experts in various fields, to currently in-print consumer guidebooks, and vast databases of known, but largely unexplored potential. Although it's primarily geared towards industry, and not the consumer directly, it highlights some of the more

useful, popular and accessible sources of information available. Everyone will therefore find something of value through using the resource, regardless of whether they're trying to identify a potential recreational geology destination, or simply enjoy it for themselves.

The second resource, the recreational access toolkit, seeks to address another common challenge affecting access to opportunities for outdoor activity: private property concerns and fear of increased risk of liability. There are countless places to explore recreational geology in the Highlands (both known, and as yet unknown), and considering favourable changes to the law surrounding occupiers' liability in Ontario, and recent examples of public/private shared land use, the OHTO believes there is a great opportunity to counteract these challenges. For the small operator, opening the door to public enjoyment of private land can seem daunting and prohibitive but with the toolkit, they will have access to a resource to clarify common misconceptions and simplify the process of access negotiations.

Both the informational resources for recreational geology, and the recreational access toolkit are available for download from the resources section of our industry website, www.ohto.ca, under Recreational Geology. Direct link: <http://ohto.ca/2013/03/recreational-geology-product-development-resources/>.

The OHTO is a not-for-profit organization mandated by the Province of Ontario to increase tourism within the counties of Haliburton, Lanark, and Renfrew and portions of Frontenac, Hastings, and Lennox and Addington. The OHTO works in collaboration with eight sub-regional marketing organizations, tourism agencies and authorities including: Algonquin Nation, Bancroft and District Chamber of Commerce, ComfortCountry.ca, Haliburton Highlands, Lanark County Tourism, Land O' Lakes Tourist Association, Ottawa Valley Tourist Association, and the Rideau Heritage Route Tourism Association. Find out more about the OHTO at www.ohto.ca. For more information, please contact the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization at 613-629-6486 or emily.sheff@ohto.ca.

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Labour board delays irk chairwoman

Jenn Watt
Editor

Karen Round is frustrated.

Months after filing an application to the Ontario Labour Relations Board, the school board chairwoman still hasn't been given a decision on whether the elementary teachers' union has counselled an unlawful strike.

"We just want to know: Was this an unlawful strike? Period," says the head of Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

TLDSB along with the Upper Canada District School Board came together in January to get an answer on whether the union's directive to members not to participate in extracurriculars after a contract had been established by the province was technically "strike activity."

The board also says union actions affected report cards, professional development and staff meetings.

The union denies it instructed its members to cease any work activities.

Last Tuesday, the labour board chairman Bernard Fishbein called the parties before him to ask whether they still wanted him to render a decision two months on.

The Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario argued no decision was necessary – their leadership had since lifted the directive to boycott extracurriculars – while the school boards said they still wanted a decision.

He is now contemplating whether to render a decision at all.

If he decides in the affirmative, there is still the business of actually making the decision.

The entire situation gets Round's back up.

"We're tired of waiting to see," she said April 5. "The impact on our students is daily."

While the directive has been lifted by ETFO, that doesn't mean members have returned to extracurriculars.

In fact, local president Steve Colliver said many of his members are smarting both from the province's controversial

Bill 115, which unilaterally imposed contracts on teachers, and from the board's decision to take the union to the labour board.

"They should be building bridges, not burning them. That's what they did," Colliver said.

He said while ETFO is happy with the way talks are going on a provincial level, members "do not forget our board is treating us this way."

Like Round, Colliver, too, is frustrated. "Folks are still very bitter," he said.

Despite the lifted directive to boycott extracurriculars, Colliver said he doesn't know of many teachers who have resumed those activities.

And if the labour board comes back with a ruling that teachers were in the wrong to withhold participation in voluntary activities, he said the ire will be even greater.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board has spent about \$100,000 on legal expenses related to this labour board hearing.

They've split the cost with the Upper Canada District School Board, which likely has spent the same amount.

ETFO won't say what it's spent. But Round said the money is worth it, if only to clarify what the school board can and cannot do in labour disputes.

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— Karen Round

we're not in this situation next year. Were their actions an unlawful strike?" she said.

The chairwoman called this year a write-off for students and the local economy, which lost out on hundreds of thousands of dollars normally spent on kids' recreational activities at places like Sir Sam's ski hill and Kinark Outdoors Centre.

"There are more people that would like to have this cleared up than those who don't," Round said.

She pointed out that TLDSB was against Bill 115 and spoke out about it at Queen's Park, but they're still the employer and

need to have schools return to normal, she said.

"We're talking about [teachers] operating outside of the law," she said.

The lifted directive is no consolation, either, as Round points out ETFO could advise their members to boycott again at any time.

"We need to know for the future. This year, for all intents and purposes is unsalvageable. There's nothing we could do to mitigate the damage caused," she said.

Round said this isn't about winning or losing – it's about clarity.

And she's tired of waiting for a decision.

"We requested an expedited hearing. It was improper for us to assume there would have been an expedited ruling," she said.

As of press time the labour board hadn't decided whether it would decide the original application.

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Women complete inaugural YWCA program in Haliburton County

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

Frances Barry couldn't imagine opening up a business without the YWCA.

This past January the West Guilford resident launched The Lotus Centre, a wellness centre that offers belly dancing, zumba and more.

For Barry, 44, starting her own business was something she couldn't have done without Women in Business.

On April 2, Barry, along with eight other women of all ages, graduated from the YWCA's first Women in Business program offered in Haliburton County.

"When I was speaking to our executive director, she said be sure to tell you what trailblazers you are," said Cheryl Denomy, director of resource development for the YWCA Peterborough, Victoria and Haliburton County. "We hope that through the years you will continue ... and mentor the women who come after you because that's the most important part of how the Y works with women."

Kicked off on Nov. 1, the program was facilitated by Donna Arnold and featured many guest speakers, including Mike Jaycock, Cindy Trapp, Loran Upton, Cheryl McCombe and Andy Campbell.

Each brought a different area of expertise to the nine participants, including social media, marketing, human resources and financial literacy.

The program equipped Barry with many of the skills and lessons she needed to feel confident about launching her own business.

"At the beginning of Women in Business I had a business idea but I wanted to maximize the launch," said Barry. "Being new to business I had a lot to learn."

Students met at the Dysart library branch every Monday for five hours, from Nov. 1 until the end of March.

The five-month program was made possible through a grant from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"It's a really special day for many of the people in the room," said Sarah Adams, local YWCA resource development co-ordinator. "Special for me because two and a half years ago when I started at YWCA this was just a dream. Here we are and it's a reality."

Modeled after a YWCA Muskoka program that has been running for 10 years, Women in Business aims to equip females who have a business idea or interest with the tools they need to succeed.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Graduates of the YWCA's inaugural Women in Business program in Haliburton County receive certificates at the program's graduation ceremony on April 2. Held at the Dysart library in Haliburton Village, the ceremony honoured the nine participants who completed the five-month program. Back row from left, Shiloe Melle, Vicky Judge, Kyla Grexton, Donna Arnold, program facilitator and Sian Cox, graduate.

Front row from left, graduates Sarah Adams, YWCA resource development co-ordinator, and graduates Rachelle Selmece, Nia May, Angela McGreevy and Frances Barry. Missing from the photo is graduate Denise Hinchcliffe.

Topics include developing a business plan, networking, local resources, marketing, branding and conflict resolution.

"It was an honour and privilege to give light to this program," said Arnold. "I thank the women who shared so much of themselves."

While some of the graduates have already launched their own business, others are developing ideas with future entrepreneurial plans.

However all of the participants were beaming with pride upon receiving certificates marking their completion of the

program.

"The program was fantastic, I received new pearls of wisdom each week," said Barry, who first heard about the program through a friend. "Women in Business has taught me how to walk."

The local YWCA has applied for funding from HCDC's Local Initiative program to conduct the program again, said Adams.

If successful, the hope is to run the second Women in Business this fall in Minden.



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Gelert artist inspires with new book

Jenn Watt
Editor

Gelert artist Gerda Neubacher's mother always told her anything was possible.

A great storyteller and a strong woman, her mother was her inspiration.

"This book actually started way back without me knowing," Neubacher says, flipping through the colourful pages of her thick coffee table book, *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire*.

Neubacher, who is in her 60s, never felt held back – she pushed toward her personal goals all her life – and ended up meeting incredible women along the way.

She met and befriended business heavyweight Arlene Dickinson of *Dragons' Den* fame, fashion journalist Jeanne Beker, philanthropist Cathie Bratty, news anchor Christine Bentley, senator Pamela Wallin, and former prime minister Kim Campbell.

She was moved by the humanitarian work of Justice Louise Arbour, Lisa Power, Diana Burke and Sheila Alofs.

And she was captivated by the creative life paths of barrel racer Monica Wilson, Olympic gold medalist Lori-Ann Muenzer and Gelert's own Marion Sedgwick, a former nurse and teacher.

So for 10 years she painted their portraits, collected their stories and published the 180-page volume at the beginning of March.

It was an inspired process, but not without its ups and downs.

"It wasn't easy," she says, "it was very difficult. You're out there to fulfill a wish. Sometimes I had to go back and back [to the painting]."



Gerda Neubacher, right, signs copies of her new book *Portraits of Canadian Women Who Inspire* at a Toronto launch event in March. Neubacher will be holding a Haliburton launch event April 19 at Heritage House Cafe. Nick Wons/submitted

Wish fulfillment was part of the deal in making the book – Neubacher approached her subject not only asking to paint them, but asking them to tell her how they wanted to be portrayed.

Each woman wrote her own short passage about their lives and what they want to impart to the world.

One wrote a poem, another a list, others were more descriptive.

Women often occupy the role of the muse, allowing the artist to choose how they are depicted – in Neubacher's work that dynamic is reversed with great effect.

An accomplished artist, Neubacher moved to Gelert about five years ago, drawn as most are, to the landscape of the Highlands.

It started with weekend trips to the area, but after commuting back and forth from Toronto for about two years, she made the move.

"After the second year, I said, I think I'm going to stay," Neubacher said.

Born in Austria, Neubacher was educated in Switzerland, where she met her husband and eventually immigrated to Canada in the late 1960s.

She quickly became a Canadian citizen and embarked on a career in the fashion industry, before shifting gears into graphic arts – drawing for clients.

Although Neubacher was an artist, she chose the jobs that paid money over making art for its own sake such as illustrating children's books.

"You do a lot to survive and feed your children," she says. "I was never really running after fame."

Later she "had the luxury" of studying in Munich and embracing the kind of art she wanted to do – abstracts.

"I lost many of my clients and my supporters, but I gained respect from a different group of art lovers," she recalls.

It was a pivotal time in her life, where she chose to shift gears and try something new. It ended up defining her as an artist.

"You have to move forward. You come to a crossroads so many times in your life," she said.

"It would have been so easy to stay where I was."

The gamble paid off. She opened Gallery Neubacher on St. Nicholas Street in Toronto where she ended up meeting many of the women in her book.

(Her son Manny has since reopened the gallery, now called Neubacher Shor Contemporary off Queen Street West.)

From getting to know the women, the artist began to see patterns – patterns that are mirrored in her own life, though she doesn't say that.

The women have reached for something more; they have found their own paths to success, though success isn't always defined the same way.

The underlying theme, says Neubacher: "It's all doable. It's all reachable."

The paintings themselves vary as much as the women. Some are painterly, with large fluid brushstrokes. Others are more precise, realistic and clean. Some women are provocative, seen in sheer dresses, naked under water. Others are in full formal attire – Mississauga's mayor Hazel McCallion, for example, posed in her yellow suit – or ball gown like socialite Cathie Bratty.

She tried to give each what she wanted while creating art that a wide audience base would connect with and enjoy.

Her own portrait is perhaps one of the most abstract, with a thin line of yellow paint faintly tracing the outline of a reclining naked woman.

Above her float squares of bright colours on a mottled white background.

She's dreaming of paint.

One of the most poignant moments in her decade-long project came when she painted Kim Campbell.

The former prime minister was gracious and kind, Neubacher said.

"She invited me to sit with her and she gave me four hours of time and I thought, my mom is right: anything is possible."

Neubacher is holding a Haliburton launch for her book on Friday, April 19 at Heritage House Café on Pine Avenue between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m. There will be a question and answer period and a talk about the project. Some of the work will be on display at the café and the book can be purchased for \$80. To see more, go to www.inspiringwomen.ca.

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Ridgeback curler attributes small town life to accolades

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

In his last year as a University of Ontario Institute of Technology Ridgeback varsity curler Connor Duhaime earned recognition for his leadership and skill at the school's seventh annual athletic banquet at the General W. Sikorski Polish Veterans Association Hall in Oshawa on Thursday, March 28.

The soft-spoken young man, who will graduate from energy systems engineering, originally of Minden was awarded team awards for MVP and leadership. Duhaime's coach of two years Debbie Fischer has nothing but compliments for him.

"He takes control out on the ice, mentors and explains situations," she said.

Fischer adds his experience and skill were invaluable for newer players while his leadership abilities shone through.

Unlike club teams, the varsity team includes individuals who don't usually know each other. Duhaime was the type of leader who led by example, coming to all practices and games, including driving the team to competitions. Although he had high standards for himself, he was always patient, encouraging and helpful to his teammates. Despite his upcoming departure, his mentoring has given confidence to Fisher who sees a bright future for her team out of the Oshawa Golf and Curling Club. She plans to follow him in his competitive endeavours. Duhaime stays in regular contact with his coach in club curling, providing post-game messages. Like the consummate leader, he thought teammate Ben Bevan, who was his vice, equally deserved to win.

Duhaime speaks fondly of his upbringing in Minden and

his time at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

"There's something about growing up in Haliburton [County]. It's a nice place to start. Playing with Jake [Walker] and Ed [Cyr] back in Haliburton was really cool," he said. "The high school experience was great. That's one of the big reasons that all of us got into it so much. We were all playing with each other back then and had so much success. It just kind of went from there."

He played the University of Waterloo pair recently in the Ontario University Association finals several weeks ago.

Walker and Cyr recently won the national championships for Canadian Universities.

Like Walker, Duhaime will continue with curling next year after graduating outside of post-secondary education. He will compete in the Ontario curling circuit, including playing for an opportunity to represent the province at the Brier Tournament. He acknowledges and welcomes the likelihood of playing against his friend and former teammate.

"He's a great player. It's always fun to play against him ... it's not so much a rivalry, but just fun to play against [someone] you've known for a long time," he said.

His team includes Scott McDonald, skip, Brett Dekoning, vice, and Simon Barrick, lead.

Duhaime attributes his leadership abilities to experience with several great teams in his curling career.

"You just do it enough and you kind of acquire these skills on the way," he said.

Red Hawks alumnus Connor Duhaime is a proud recipient of the University of Ontario of Institute of Technology's team awards leadership and most valuable player. This is Duhaime's second year winning both awards. He graduates this coming autumn. Submitted by Al Fournier



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Minden Curling Club final results

The final standings for the second schedule Minden Wednesday Ladies League were presented with the Eric Hardman trophy.

First place team: skip Marie Lennard, vice Barbara Braker (absent), second Denise LeBlanc, and lead Mary Ellen Beamish.

Second place team: skip Mickey Bonham, vice Irene Alexander, second Joanne Bobbie, and lead Denise Buchanan.

Third place team: skip Pat Woodcroft, vice Joyce Nilsson, second Gail Flook, and lead Mary Forbes.

The Final Playoff results are:
First place team: skip Marie Lennard, vice Sandria Garry (in for Barbara Braker), second Denise LeBlanc, and lead Mary Ellen Beamish.

Second place team: skip Pat Woodcroft,

vice Joyce Nilsson, second Joanne Bobbie, and lead Denise Buchanan.

Third place team: skip Susan Sheehan (in for Zelda Cooper), vice Sheila Woodcroft, and lead Vicki Colicchia.

Submitted by Denise LeBlanc



First Place team: skip Marie Lennard, vice Barbara Braker (absent), second Denise LeBlanc, and lead Mary Ellen Beamish.



League winners of the Ruby and Ralph Kennedy Trophy were the team of Murray Cooper, Zelda Cooper, Judy Webb and Bernice Murray. Submitted by Joanne Warrington

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Final playoff first place: skip Marie Lennard, vice Sandria Garry (in for Barbara Braker), second Denise LeBlanc, lead Mary Ellen Beamish.



Winners of the second schedule Friday Mixed Daytime playoffs were the team of Ron Bobbie, Joanne Bobbie, Marie Lennard and Susan Sloan. Submitted by Joanne Warrington

Help find a cure for cancer



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Stanhope Life

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It's that time of the year again, the time that we plan to raise lots of cash for a very worthy cause. On June 14 to 15 the Relay for Life will be taking place again on the grounds of the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, starting at 7 p.m. Friday and finishing Saturday morning at 7 a.m.

There is plenty of preparation for this event which the volunteers get my admiration for what they do. They organize the campsite, the food, entertainment but most of all they inspire the rest of us to do a little bit more each year. This year the theme is Country and Western so we are all encouraged to dress in this fashion and I understand there will be some prizes awarded. I think I have a western shirt somewhere but I will have to search for the hat!

This will be our team – The Pine Reflections “Bloomers” fifth year and as team captain, believe me I did procrastinate on whether I wanted to involve myself this year to the point where I only just registered this team a few days ago! It's one of those things that sometimes you have to look at the bigger picture. I really don't have time to spare right now but the thought of registering just kept on coming back. It is a very rewarding experience from the start to the finish. The evening begins with an emotional start when the survivors do the first lap of the evening surrounded by the support of friends and fam-

ily. Then around ten we walk around the lit up luminaries honouring survivors and remembering loved ones. It tires you out and every year I think OK this is a relay and you are not supposed to walk that much but every year we are out there walking around and around that field. It's not just the physical but it's also the emotional experience of doing the Relay that affects us.

Since I started to do the Relay five years ago my immediate circle of family that has been subjected to that dreaded disease has become higher and therefore my reasons are more. Not that I needed a reason.

The money we raise helps fund many services and programs in our community such as providing information, transportation to treatment centres in Toronto, Oshawa, Kingston, Peterborough and Newmarket; support and encouragement, smokers' helpline; wigs, head coverings, pillows and temporary prostheses but a very important reason to fund-raise is for research. For further information about their programs and services please call 1-800-463-0432. A very interesting fact is that today 62 per cent of people survive a cancer diagnosis compared to only 25 per cent in the 1940s and that is a true picture of the direction we are going.

What can you do? There are many teams out there that you can join, mine is one of them or you can start your own! Give me a call if you are interested in joining our team. If this isn't possible – give! Any amount is appreciated. The Pine Reflections “Bloomers” is registered on line so donations can accepted by going to Relay for Life Haliburton 2013 and follow the instructions. The other thing you can do is pop something in an envelope to my attention; the address is 15589 Highway 35, Algonquin Highlands, On K0M 1J2.

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Dorset News

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Dorset's Good Food Box participants: don't forget to get your \$15 payment in by 4 p.m. this Wednesday, April 10. Boxes filled with fresh fruits and vegetables will be delivered to the Dorset Recreation Centre on Thursday, April 18.

Eating five to 10 servings of fruit and vegetables a day is good for a person's health and all are welcome to participate! To find out more, drop in to the recreation centre, email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968.

Here is a reminder that there is no adult volleyball this Thursday, April 11 at the Dorset Recreation Centre due to the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival Wrap Up Party.

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There will be a Dorset Community Policing meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, April 16 starting at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome. For more information, give Doug Rogers a call at 705-766-9070.

The Dorset Recreation Committee invites all local artists (the writers roster is full) to apply to be a part of the 10th annual Evening of Wine, Words Music and Art being held on Friday, April 19 at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Space is limited.

Email drc@algonquinhighlands.ca or call 705-766-9968 to find out more.

Tickets for Wine, Words and Art are available now at the Dorset Recreation Centre and cost \$6 each or two for \$10. The event is open to all 19 years of age and up.

There will be a Dorset Recreation Committee meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Tuesday, April 23 at 7 p.m.

Will spring ever come? Organizers of the annual Dorset Pitch In community cleanup certainly hope so! The community cleanup is scheduled for Saturday, April 27 as part of a national campaign to tidy up Canada!

Volunteers, individuals and groups, meet at the Dorset Recreation Centre at 9 a.m. to pick up garbage and recycle bags, choose a route or area and head out to tidy up. Everyone meets back at the Recreation Centre at 11 a.m. for coffee, tea, juice and treats and to share stories about their experiences such as the strangest litter found.

It's all a lot of fun – get out in the fresh air, socialize and build community.

To find out more, contact the Recreation Centre at 705-766-9968.

The District Municipality of Muskoka's Townships and Villages program is sponsoring a fun craft for adults at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Monday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Come and make a copper wire dragon fly, a beautiful piece for your garden.

Sign up is required as space and materials are limited. Please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 by Friday, April 26 to sign up. Cost is free!

Are you looking for work and need help with your job search? Do you know about the government programs available to assist in retraining? Pop in to the Dorset Recreation Centre on the second or fourth Tuesday of the month to see an employment specialist.

This is a free service. Please call the YMCA Employment and Literacy Service office at 705-787-0349 for more information.

Birthday wishes for April 7 to 13 go out to Rick Morris, Sherri Keown, Katherine Johnson, Bev Robinson, Carol McMullen, "Blue Goose", Robbie Drebbitt, Bruce Coulson and Noreen Tracey!

Give me a call or drop me a line to send special wishes to your loved ones. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun and celebrate your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my home email address, which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at home at 705-766-0076.

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As our age advances the occasional memory lapse takes on more significance.

Bruce and I have become quite adept at filling in word blanks for each other although he still relies on the annoying habit of alphabetical review.

On occasion this results in his waking up in the night as the magic letter has been reached and the elusive name or word has been retrieved.

Unfortunately by then the question may have been forgotten. This week on the "Doc Zone" the segment titled "Where Did My Memory Go" included some short memory recall tasks.

The expert's strategy on remembering names was to associate with a known someone and here, a full week later, we can both recall the three names listed.

My personal appreciation goes to Karen, one of the regular bid euchre winners in my weekly card score column, neighbour Holly, whose lovely photographs are on sale at the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace and, Cindy, our niece.

This trio of names is forever firmly

fixed in my memory bank so now the next task is to memorize the eye chart at the optometrist's office.

I wonder if he knows Karen, Holly and Cindy?

If you are interested in the heritage aspects of our local areas the Kinmount Pioneer Society will be holding an open house this Saturday, April 13 at the fully accessible Galway Hall, 579 Galway Road, Kinmount beginning at 2 p.m.

There will be the opportunity to view pioneer artifacts, meet some of the crafters who participate in the society's impressive yearly display at the Kinmount Fair over the Labour Day weekend and view a pictorial history of how the society has grown over the past 25 years.

For more information please call Liz Case at 705-447-0151.

The next regular meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group will take place on Wednesday, April 17 at the Lions Hall, 166 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with a return visit from the speaker Stewart Boden of the Archives of Ontario at 7 p.m. His topic will be "Accessing and Preserving Family Heirlooms" and his talk will certainly be as interesting as that on his previous visit.

There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

Refreshments will be available and for

more information please call Gail Leach-Wunker at 705-286-2225.

Gear up for spring at the lunch and spring fashion show brightening up the runway at the Legion Branch 441 Kinmount this Sunday, April 14.

Lunch will be at noon followed at 1:30 p.m. by the fashion show presented by Gauze2Go of Lindsay.

There will also be a silent auction, raffles and a door prize draw with proceeds raised going to the Legion's valued support of local community groups and charities.

Tickets are only \$10 and can be obtained by calling the branch at 705-488-3462 or Gauze2Go at 705-878-5556.

Just a reminder that the popular lunches featuring liver and onions plus an alternate choice of entrée held on the last Tuesday of the month begin again on April 30 and will continue through to late fall.

The hours are from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the cost of \$7 includes dessert and beverage.

Also at the branch it's the regular monthly big bucks bid euchre on Wednesday, April 17 at 11 a.m. with a delicious lunch included in the \$10 admission.

The monthly Friends of the Library book sale will be held on the third Saturday of the month April 20

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lower level of the Kinmount branch.

There are always great bargains with funds raised going to support special events and programs at this very active branch including the summer outdoor reading garden.

The 19th annual dinner/auction sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development is coming soon on Saturday, April 27 at the fully accessible Galway Hall.

Doors open at 5 p.m. to allow ample time for viewing the live auction items, bidding on the terrific variety of silent auction donations and making your country raffle selections.

Tickets are \$25 and available by calling 705-488-2687 or 705-488-2635.

This event is the major fundraiser for the many projects supported by the KCPED including the beautiful flower baskets and planters which brighten up our town for residents and visitors alike.

Donations for the silent auction are very welcome and can be made through these contact numbers as well.

Two pair of robins appeared in the dooryard this weekend.

Until next week ...

Coming Events
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When: Tuesday, April 23rd
7:00-9:00 pm

Where: Minden Community Centre

Refreshments will be provided.

For more information, please contact Sue Shikaze, at sshikaze@hkpr.on.ca or 457-1391.

Hosted by the Communities in Action Committee, a project of the Haliburton County Community Co-operative.



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NAME OF CEMETERIES:

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3. St. Stephen's Cemetery
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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has submitted a by-law to the Registrar of the *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

Any interested parties may contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk at (705) 489-2379 for information or to make copies. By-laws or amendments may be reviewed, or copied, at the Township Office located at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands, ON.


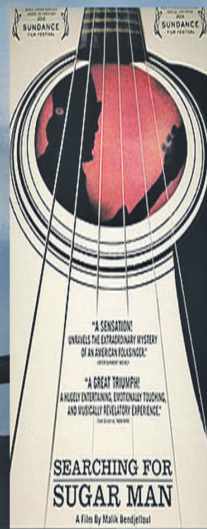
This By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, *Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002* [Tel: Cemeteries Regulation Unit (416) 326-8399].

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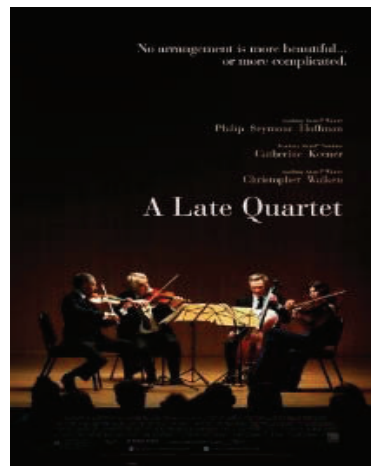
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Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Minden Al-Anon Family Group meets in Hyland Crest meeting room, 6 McPherson St Mondays at 8p.m.

Horse Before the Cart Writers' Group, meets 2nd & 4th Wednesday, from 2:30 - 4:30 at the Minden Library/Gallery (705)-489-3661

Help to preserve our History with a Veteran's museum Wanted: British, Canadian or German WWI and WWII items. Uniforms, helmets and caps and medals, photographs, shells and weapons. Please do not donate money. Items broken or in part are welcome. Contact Martin Hofland at 705-457-2382

March- April 24: Complete tax returns for seniors and veterans located at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 636 at 12847 - 35 Highway in Minden every Wednesday from 10 am to 12 noon. This program is coordinated with Canada Revenue Agency through the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program.

Haliburton Soccer mail in Registration for children 4+ and Adult summer and pick up soccer still available. For more information please call 705-457-9303 after 6pm or visit <http://www.halsoccer.org/>

April 13: The Maplefest Pancake/Sausage Brunch and Bake Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. "All You Can Eat" at Lochlin United Church, 1050 Lochlin Road off Gelert Road (County Road 1). Adults: \$6, Children: \$3 Preschool: **FREE**

April 13: Not So Silent Auction: Join Medeba for a great charity evening. 6:30pm Registration & Silent Bids. 7:00pm Live bidding.

April 14: Country Music Jamboree located at the S.G. Nesbitt Arena in Minden from 1p.m.-5p.m. admission \$7.00, 5p.m. Meat pie/veggies/dessert- \$6.00 provided by Minden Lioness proceeds to Relay for Life.

Table Tennis in Minden Wednesday afternoons from 1 to 3 pm. the upper level of the Minden Community Centre. The cost in Minden is \$3.00 per day. In Haliburton we play Monday nights from 6 to 9 pm. on the lower level of St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street. The cost is \$5.00 per night plus \$15 half-yearly to cover the insurance cost for the church. Dates: From January 2nd to June 26th. Contact: Vasha Rehacek @ 705-754-3834

April 8-May 6: Juggling the Journey: Getting what you want from life. A series of Workshops and discussions to promote self discovery and tools for coping with change. Cost: A donation of a non-perishable food item or financial donation to the Minden food bank. For more information please call 705-754-5857 or email jugglingthejourney@gmail.com

April 19: Friday 7 to 9 p.m. Irish Spring" Concert. An Evening of Worship & Inspirational Music with an Irish Flavour. Refreshments at Intermission. Haliburton United Church 10 George Street, Haliburton, ON. The Robin Mark Tribute Band with Carl Dixon and special guest Phil McMahon. Fundraising event for SIRCH Community Services and Haliburton United Church. Admission by free-will offering.

April 20: Dog Patch Dollies Relay for Life Dinner and Dance. Located at the West Guilford Community Centre starting at 5:30p.m. Tickets available at Cranberry Cottage or Canoe FM For more info call Pat at 705-754-1197

April 30: HALIBURTON: 'Meet the Dietitian', 10 am to noon, located at the Ontario Early Years Centre (83 Maple Ave., Halco Plaza, lower level. Come talk to a Dietitian about feeding your family. Find out more about introducing solids, picky eaters, family feeding and mealtime routines. Call (705) 457-1391 or 1-866-888-4577, ext. 233, for more information.

Elections May 1



Legion br. 636

The Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 would like to thank the volunteers who are assisting with the many functions that take place. Special thanks go to the volunteers who helped with our maintenance over the Easter weekend while we were closed. Our April calendar is now out and shows all of the functions that are taking place this month. Why not come in and pick up a copy of the calendar and stay for lunch or for our fish and chip dinner on Friday night?

The ladies' auxiliary general meeting is on Wednesday, April 10. Members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in joining the ladies' auxiliary, please call the Minden Legion at 705-286-4541.

The Highlands Trio will be entertaining at the Minden Legion on Saturday,

April 27 from 1 to 5 p.m. Food will be available for purchase from 12 to 2 p.m. All are welcome to come to the Minden Legion.

Elections for executive and other positions will take place at the May 1 general meeting. Why not consider becoming part of the executive team for the next year? If you have any questions about the elections, please call us at the Minden Legion.

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For more information or a full job description contact Bruce Ballentine, info@adventurehaliburton.com Barrie Martin at 705-754-3436, info@yoursouthdoors.ca or Mark Coleman, 705-766-9033, mcoleman@algonquinhighlands.ca

This internship is being funded by the Haliburton County Development Corporation through the Eastern Ontario Development Program, FedDev Ontario.

Please submit your cover letter and resume to Bruce Ballentine via e-mail, on or before April 19, 2013. Only applicants invited to an interview will be contacted.

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If you feel you have the time, energy and commitment to be a Director, then we would like to hear from you by April 26, 2013. The new Directors will be appointed at the annual general meeting in June.

For further information and an application package, please access our website at: www.hhhs.ca / administration & contacts / board & oversight.

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Thank you to our friends for the phone calls and messages of encouragement and the cards of condolence when we lost him. Thank you to the ladies of St. Georges Church in Haliburton for the lovely prayer shawls.

To Leacock Care Centre in Orillia, Our thanks for their care and kindness to Bob and me. Lastly we thank Barry Cray at Gord Monk's Funeral Home for handling our affairs in such a kind way. Thank you all so much.

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March 20 Big Bucks Bid Euchre at Kinmount Legion: Congratulations to the high scoring winners Ron Morrison, Pearl Lawton and Hugh Fountain along with the 12 moonshots taken by a list of players too long to mention. Thanks to Marcy Morgan for her update.

April 2 Minden Seniors bid euchre at Minden Legion: Betty Wagar reports that the leading ladies were Pat Dixon 295, Yette Ezard 271, Vi Howell 262 and Eileen Shapiera 245. First for the gents at 289 was Ron Morrison then Jesse Barlow 286 with Archie Ross and Margaret Fletcher tied for third spot at 278. Lorna Scheffee won the major draw with Elva Paisley, Marcel Roussel and Sharron Atkinson claiming the smaller prizes while Barb Perog, Jesse Barlow, Ron Morrison, Tom Grix and Kevin Maloney took the moonshots.

April 2 Mixed Shuffleboard at Stanhope Firehall: Top marks went to Jean Randell and John Platt at 341 then Peggy Beattie and Connie Sawyer 339. In third place were our reporter Pearl Cowen and Jason Peacock at 280 while the duo of Kaye Bull and George Hamilton posted the afternoon's low of 181.

April 2 contract bridge at Minden United Church: From Gareth Kellett the news that the top trio members were Heather Harrington 4,360, Bob Penfold 4,100 and John Du Manoir 4,070.

April 2 euchre at Lochlin Community Centre: For the gents Terry Davis was high and Gene Newell low while for the ladies Gala Newell was high and Shirley Davis low. Gord Darby won for most lone hands with Shirley Davis also taking the special prize. Thanks to Barb Carpenter for this news.

April 2 contract bridge at Club 35: High scores went to Ross Fletcher 6,220, Jim Burrows 4,260, Jackie Metcalf 3,970 and Rob Eaton 3,960. Joan McDonald won the lucky draw while Linda Cherry took home the Shiny Penny.

April 3 bid euchre at Stanhope: Leading the pinks were Kay Naylor 209, Marg Oetelaar 193 and Pat Marshall 177 with Jean Dutka first for the whites at 206 followed by Tom Macartney 193 and Chris Clarke

185.

April 3 duplicate bridge at Parklane, Haliburton: Playing Howell Peter O'Connor and Gord Eaton led at 77 percent then Muriel McIntosh and our reporter Margo Davidson [3 events] 61 percent. Tied for third spot were Jan and Dave Heaven and Kathie Porter partnered with Rob Eaton at 51 percent.

April 4 bid euchre at Minden Community Centre: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 322, Eileen Shapiera 274, Eileen Shepstone 248 and Phyllis Windsor 245. At 257 Albert Foster was first for the gents followed by Marcel Roussel 252 and a three way tie for third with Archie Ross, Pat Bailey and Pat Scadden at 244 then Jesse Barlow 242 fourth. Bev Johnson also reports that Vi Howell won the major draw with Eileen Shepstone, Pearl Cowen and Theresa Deak claiming the smaller prizes and moonshots going to Ida Young, Belle Walker, Archie Ross and Tom Grix.

April 4 euchre at Minden Legion: May Bradbury reports that Pearl Cowen and Andy Broersma took lone hand honours with Karen Chapman and Bob Pollard posting the high scores. Joyce Broersma and Ann Manning claimed the lows with Ann also taking home one of the other prizes along with Jason Peacock, Andy Broersma and Jim Bradbury [2].

April 5 euchre at Staanworth Court, Minden: Winning for high hands was Bev Johnson, for lone hands Pat Bailey and for both low hands and the special prize Doreen Francis. Thanks to Shirley Howe for this update.

April 5 duplicate bridge at Echo Hills, Haliburton: Using the Howell method Gord Cochrane and Margo Davidson topped the charts at 75 percent then at 60 percent Tom Davidson and Peter O'Connor. Tied for third place were Judy Neimann and Mary Johnson and Kathie Porter partnered with Linda Cherry at 49 percent.

April 5 bid euchre at Club 35: From Jean Dutka the news that Jean Randell topped the pinks at 280 with Dorene Elstone 255 next and Carol McMullen 225 third. At 390 Dwaine Lloyd led the whites with Merv

Elstone 255 second and at 248 Garth Windsor third. Moonstones landed on Clara Miscio [2] along with Merv and Dorene Elstone and Al McMullen held the hidden score.

April 6 bid euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Leading ladies were Sharron Atkinson 309, Pat Roussel 287, Bev Johnson 267 and Emily Harvie 266. At 293 Ron Morrison was first for the gents followed by Pat Scadden 279, Marcel Roussel 278 and Ida Young 276. Sherin Brown also reports that Theresa Deak won the special prize and took a moonshot along with Eileen Shepstone, Jean Scadden and Pat Roussel.

April 7 euchre at 6 Parkside, Minden: Winning for high hands was our reporter Arthur Forbes, for lone hands Carol Derbyshire, for low hands Albert Foster and for the special prize Sandra Crockett.

April 8 Kinmount Seniors bid euchre at Kinmount Legion: Rose Isaacson reports that the top two players were Tom Grix 378 and Theresa Deak 306. The draw went to Sharron Atkinson with Dana Briscoe, Marcy Morgan, Ida Young, Tom Grix and Sheldon Rae [2] claiming the moonshots.

April 8 euchre at St. Paul's Friendship Club, Minden: The Club welcomed back our reporter Tim and Betty Sharpe from warmer climates. Lone hand holders were Margaret Fletcher and Kay Naylor with Betty Sharpe and Shirley Jones posting the high scores. The afternoon's lows went to Ellen Holden and Tim Sharpe with Don Blakey holding the hidden score. Don was paid a visit by the skunk along with Barbara Braithwaite and Joe Bertin while Kay Godden took home the special prize.

April 8 euchre at Staanworth Terrace, Minden: Elaine Yeo reports that Arthur Forbes won for high hands, Sherin Brown for low hands and Murray Daniels for both lone hands and the special prize.

April 8 euchre at Club 35: From Garth Windsor the news that Jean Dutka took lone hand honours with Michelle Delaire and Al McMullen posting the high scores. The evening's lows went to Dorene Elstone and George Robbins with Merv Elstone claiming the baloney.

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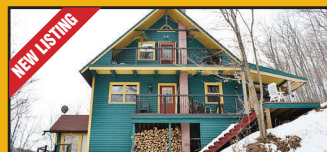
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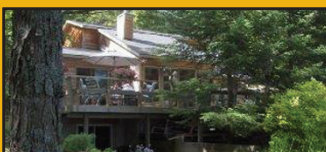
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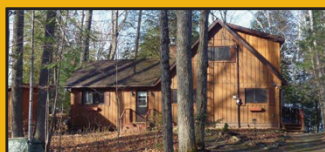
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